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| In re application of | : | Attorney Docket No. 2006_0744A |
| Takashi NOZAKI et al. | : | Confirmation No. 3968 |
| Serial No. 10/579,785 | : | Group Art Unit 3679 |
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 20, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.